

New Morning Magical – for 7-19-20

Your word is truth

John 17 is what's called Yeshua's high priestly prayer. It's the last part of the line from Yeshua to Paul until He meets Paul on the road to Damascus in chapter 9 of Acts, which begins an entirely new revelation and teaching, unlike anything the world had ever seen; and which the world has failed to grasp and has been all but lost over the past 2000 years, if I may say.

John 17 is so beautiful and sweet, that I just want to read it without interruption, and then we can go back and look at what it contains that can help us live above the world around us, and all the challenges in our lives today.

Here it is:

1 These things speaks Jesus, and lifting His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, come has the hour. Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son should be glorifying Thee,

2 according as Thou givest Him authority over all flesh, that everything which Thou hast given to Him, He should be giving it to them, even life eonian.

3 Now it is eonian life that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Him Whom Thou dost commission, Jesus Christ.

4 I glorify Thee on the earth, finishing the work which Thou hast given Me, that I should be doing it.

5 And now glorify Thou Me, Father, with Thyself, with the glory which I had before the world is with Thee.

6 I manifest Thy name to the men whom Thou givest Me out of the world. Thine they were, and to Me Thou givest them, and Thy word they have kept.

7 Now they know that all, whatever Thou hast given Me, is from Thee,

8 for the declarations which Thou hast given Me, I have given them, and they took them, and know truly that I came out from Thee, and they believe that thou dost commission Me.

9 Concerning them I am asking. Not concerning the world am I asking, but concerning those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine.

10 And Mine all are Thine, and Thine Mine. And I have been glorified in them.

11 And no longer am I in the world, and they are in the world, and I to Thee am coming.

Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, in which Thou hast given them to Me, that they may be one, according as We are.

12 When I was with them in the world, I kept those whom Thou hast given Me in Thy name, and I guard them, and not one of them perished, except the son of destruction, that the scripture may be fulfilled.

13 Yet now to Thee am I coming, and these things am I speaking in the world that they may be having My joy filled full in themselves.

14 I have given them Thy word. And the world hates them, for they are not of the world, according as I am not of the world.

15 I am not asking that Thou shouldst be taking them away out of the world, but that Thou shouldst be keeping them from the wicked one.

16 Of the world they are not, according as I am not of the world.

17 Hallow them by Thy truth. Thy word is truth.

18 According as Thou dost dispatch Me into the world, I also dispatch them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I am hallowing Myself, that they also may be hallowed by the truth.

20 Yet not concerning these only am I asking, but also concerning those who are believing in Me through their word,

21 that they may all be one, according as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us, that the world should be believing that Thou dost commission Me.

22 And I have given them the glory which Thou has given Me, that they may be one, according as We are One,

23 I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in one, and that the world may know that Thou dost commission Me and dost love them according as Thou dost love Me.

24 Father, those whom Thou hast given Me, I will that, where I am, they also may be with Me, that they may be beholding My glory which Thou has given Me, for Thou lovest Me before the disruption of the world.

25 Just Father, the world, also, knew Thee not, yet I knew Thee. And these know that Thou dost commission Me.

26 And I make known to them Thy name, and I shall make it known, that the love with which Thou lovest Me may be in them, and I in them."

You should read or listen to that over and over, and just let Yeshua's words sink in.

Now let's look at some of the most relevant parts for us today:

In verse 2, Yeshua uses the term "life eonian," and in verse 3 He calls it "eonian life." Any other version you read will say "eternal life." Eternal means no beginning and no ending, which cannot apply to humans who clearly have a beginning at the very least. Eternal is an always state and the Father is the only being to occupy it.

The four Hebrew letters that make up the Father's name, YHVH – YaHoVeH, literally, *"will-being-was,"* or, *"Who was, Who is and Who will be"* – indicate no beginning or end, hence eternal. No one else can claim that realm. Even Yeshua had a beginning. In Colossians 1:15, the Apostle Paul calls Him, *"The Image of the invisible God, Firstborn of every creature."*

The words eternal, everlasting, forever, ever, never, and even worlds, are all mistranslations of different forms of the Greek word EON. An eon is a period of time; it may be quite long and isn't always well-defined, but it's a period of time just the same. Eonian life simply means "life for the eons," however many there are and however long they last. We'll see this term used much more as we get into Paul's writings.

Now, in verse 11, Yeshua says, *"Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, in which Thou hast given them to Me, **that they may be one, according as We are.**"* Read it again. This is huge, because Yeshua is setting up the conditions by which His disciples, and by extension we who believe in Him, can think, perceive, act, and feel just like the Father and Yeshua think, perceive, act and feel alike.

In verse 15, Yeshua says, *"I am not asking that Thou shouldst be taking them away out of the world, but that Thou shouldst be keeping them from the wicked one."* It's kind of cute that Yeshua says He's not asking the Father to take the disciples out of the world. *"They're fine right where they are; however, please keep them – that, is protect them – from the wicked."*

The word, "one" in your Bible is NOT in the original text. In the Concordant Literal printed version, the word is in light face type, which indicates that they added it, as did all the other versions. Now, why would you add a word that isn't there? Some might say that it reads better; I don't buy it: *"Keep them from the wicked."* Is that so hard to grasp, really? Look around you: *"Keep them from the wicked"* makes good sense, doesn't it? All that Yeshua is referring to is "the wicked" in the world all around the disciples at that time and around all of us in our time. That's it. He was NOT referring to anyone or any THING known as the "wicked one." He said no such thing, nor do His words convey any such idea when they are transcribed properly. "Wicked," by itself is enough. We don't have to embellish His words and it shouldn't even cross our minds to add a word that is not in the original manuscript! That's just irresponsible. There, there now, I'll take my pill and calm down.

You'll see this same error, by the way, in many places throughout the New Testament, but you can nearly always delete the word ONE, and you'll have a more proper understanding.

In verse 17, Yeshua says, *"Hallow them by Thy truth. Thy word is truth."* The words Yeshua spoke, which were not His, but were the Father's, as He indicated in an earlier chapter that we read. The Father's word is THE truth and it carries in it the power to make you holy. Yeshua here is asking the Father to make His disciples –and us – Holy by His truth, which is His word.

Yeshua expands this request in verse 19 and following:

19 "And for their sakes I am hallowing Myself, **that they also may be hallowed by the truth.**

20 Yet not concerning these only am I asking, but also concerning **those who are believing in Me through their word,**

21 that they may all be one, according as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us, that the world should be believing that Thou dost commission Me.

22 **And I have given them the glory which Thou has given Me, that they may be one, according as We are One,**

23 **I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in one,** and that the world may know that Thou dost commission Me and dost love them according as Thou dost love Me.

24 Father, those whom Thou hast given Me, **I will that, where I am, they also may be with Me,** that they may be beholding My glory which Thou has given Me, for Thou lovest Me before the disruption of the world."

Finally, verse 26:

26 "And I make known to them Thy name, and I shall make it known, that the love with which Thou lovest Me may be in them, and I in them."

I would rather let Yeshua's words rest in your mind and on your heart, and not take away from their power by commenting on them further here. It's enough to read or listen to the Son of God, Who came to Earth as a man for our sakes, to remove the sting both of sin and of death; listen to His prayer on behalf of all who believe in Him. Do you think that the Father heard His prayer? You better believe it! It's also certain that the Father has continued to make good on that prayer ever since, and He's doing it in your heart, soul, and spirit today. Bless His Holy Name.

AMEN